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QUARTERLY MEETING
April 28, 2005 – Kodiak, Alaska

Briefing Paper: ***SOLID WASTE PROGRAM***
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****ACTION REQUIRED BY COMMISSION****

Issue:

\$1,413,600 is available for the FY05 Solid Waste Program.

Background:

In FY04, the Commission received \$1 million from the US Department of Agriculture-Rural Development (USDA RD). The instructions were to “*address deficiencies in solid waste disposal sites which threaten to impact rural drinking water supplies*”, \$876,420 has been allocated to date. The balance of \$73,580 will be distributed in the coming funding cycle as awards and in the form of a partnership agreement with Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Village Safe Water.

Analysis:

The \$950,000 available in FY04 was insufficient to fund construction or closure of landfills. Funds were directed toward equipment purchases that would facilitate greater efficiencies of handling municipal solid waste. The Request for Proposals (RFP) was built around the concept that communities would research options and co-propose with a technical partner. Funds were allocated in three categories (up to \$600,000, \$100,000 or less, and \$35,000 or less). This assured that awards would be made in all sizes and budgets/capabilities of communities. A list of recipients is attached.

The USDA RD allocation for FY05 will be awarded along similar guidelines. The RFP will be public April 1, 2005. RFP distribution will be done via electronic and surface mail. Proposals must be received by May 13, 2005 to be eligible. A multi-agency review team will prioritize for award those proposals that comply with Denali Commission policies and standards.

As described in the draft Resolution, program staff requests the authority to hold \$100,000 of FY05 funds to evaluate a state-wide solid waste management strategy that is currently under discussion.

Denali Staff Recommendations:

Continue the strategy of encouraging communities to determine the most appropriate technology to meet local needs for handling solid waste. Prioritize awards to maximize the impact of technology in improving local and downstream impacts to drinking water supplies.

Action Required:

Passage of Resolution No. 05-12, providing \$1,413,600 for the FY05 Solid Waste Program for projects identified through the RFP process, and for statewide solid waste strategy development.

Attachment(s):

Attachment 1 – FY04 Awards List



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DRAFT - RESOLUTION NO. 05-12

A RESOLUTION ON SOLID WASTE PROGRAM FOR FEDERAL FY 2005

WHEREAS Title VII Section 767 of the CONSOLIDATED APPROPRIATIONS ACT 2005 (H.R. 4818) appropriated through US Department of Agriculture - Rural Development to the Denali Commission to remain until expended, \$1,500,000 “*to address deficiencies in solid waste disposal sites which threaten to contaminate rural drinking water supplies*”; and

WHEREAS qualified communities in rural Alaska responded to the FY04 program as outlined in the Request For Proposals (RFP), and improvements are in progress across the state that will deliver examples of effective technology; and

WHEREAS solid waste management needs are wide-spread in rural Alaska;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission allocate \$1,413,600 to be awarded through a Request for Proposal (RFP). The objective is to assist communities in their management of solid waste in a manner that is locally appropriate and will improve both local and downstream impacts to drinking water supplies; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that up to \$100,000 of the \$1,413,600 is made available for evaluating state-wide solid waste management strategies in collaboration with Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation, the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium, and other involved organizations.

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned, hereby certify that the Denali Commission is comprised of seven members (or their duly appointed alternate), of whom _____, consisting a quorum, were present at a meeting duly and regularly called, noticed, convened and held this _____ day of _____, _____, and that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by the affirmative vote of _____ members, and opposed by _____ members, and that said Resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

Signed and dated this _____ day of _____, _____,

Jeffrey B. Staser
Federal Co-Chair

Governor Frank H. Murkowski
State Co-Chair